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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Douglas A. Spicer et al.

Application No.: 09/992,534

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For: MAGNETIC PLATE FOR  
BIOLOGICAL SEPARATIONS

Customer No.: 20350

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Examiner: Jeffrey Siew

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 4, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.